CHAPTER 8

THE VALUE OF INFORMATION PART 2 AND MAGIC GEM

THIS IS CLAUDE'S SHOP...

CLOSE

SINCE HE DOESN'T HAVE THE "COOKING" SENSE, HE CAN'T OPEN IT.

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S A COFFEEHOUSE, ISN'T IT? AND DOESN'T IT SAY THAT IT'S CLOSED?

CLAUDE, WE'RE COMING IN!

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CLANG
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CHANGE INTO THESE.

AH, HERE YOU ARE. JUST IN TIME.

AS EXPECTED, THIS RING IS AMAZING...

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

TWITCH

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SEE, I TOLD YOU SO...

GUH! MAGI... YOUR FIST'S DEFINITELY HEAVIER THAN BEFORE.

"AHEM"

YUN, I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.

WELL, THE JOKES END HERE.

EXCEPT MAGI, YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN THAT ACCESSORY TO ANYONE, HAVE YOU?

I SEE. THEN, LET'S GO INSIDE.

TRION RING? YEAH, SINCE I DON'T HAVE A STOCK BIG ENOUGH FOR ME TO SELL IT YET.

TAKE A SEAT.

WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

OK.

THIS LOOKS LIKE AN INTER-ROGA-TION...

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL US, YOU DON'T HAVE TO, ALRIGHT?

... YEAH, IF I HAVE THE TIME.

NOW, LISTEN. CAN YOU FREELY MAKE THAT TRION RING THAT MAGI'S WEARING?

I THINK THERE'S STILL HALF I DON'T GET.

NOT YET.

DO YOU FULLY UNDER-STAND ITS MANUFAC-TURING PROCESS?

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU ASK?

AND FINALLY, IF YOU WERE TO SELL THAT TRION RING,

15000 G SHOULD BE FINE, I THINK?

HMM...

HAA

EEH?! TOO EXPEN-SIVE?!

NO, NO, YUNCCHI. IT'S THE OPPOSITE. IT'S TOO CHEAP.

SINCE YOU'VE BEEN TRADING ONLY AT MY PLACE, YOU HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT THE STREET STALLS' PRICES.

IN THE CASE OF MAGES, IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE LIBERTY TO CHOOSE THE COMBINATION, THEY WOULD LAY OUT NOTHING LESS THAN 100,000G.

HA!?

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS AN IRON INGOT?!

STRICTLY SPEAKING, THAT RING OF YOURS COULD BE, AT THE VERY LEAST,

WORTH 50,000G.

SINCE PHYSICAL ATTACK POWER DOESN'T MEAN MUCH FOR THEM, LOWERING ATTACK WITH A CURSE IS NOT AN ISSUE.

I MEAN, "CURSED" HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT BUT

THE PLAYERS THAT DON'T NEED PHYSICAL ATTACK, THEY KNOW THAT IT'S NOT A DISADVANTAGE FOR THEM.

EXAMPLE: MAGES AND THE LIKE

BUT YOURS HAS THREE.

THE ITEMS WE MAKE CAN ONLY HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL BONUS EFFECT.

YEAH. IT FURTHER ENHANCES THE PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S A VALUABLE ITEM?

WE WANT YOU TO TEACH US HOW TO PRODUCE IT.

OF COURSE, WE'LL PAY THE FEE FOR THE INFORMATION.

AND, THERE'S ONE MORE THING WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT.

A FEE FOR THE INFORMATION?!

SELLING THE PRODUCTION METHOD... WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

EVEN SO,

NOT WITH REAL MONEY. WE'LL PAY YOU WITH IN-GAME CURRENCY.

HOW DID IT BECOME THAT SORT OF CONVER-SATION?!

FUNDA-MENTAL PRINCIPLE.

IN ITSELF, THERE IS NOT MUCH MEANING IN HAVING YOU TEACH US THE INFORMATION. YOU MIGHT SAY, THAT IF ANYTHING, THIS IS OUR

EVEN IF YOU ASK THAT, WELL...

WHAT WE MEAN IS THAT IT'S NO GOOD IF IT'S TOO CHEAP NOR IF IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE THREE OF US IS "CHARGING A FAIR PRICE".

THE ITEMS WE MAKE GENERALLY SELL FOR THE ASKING PRICE.

BASICALLY, IT'S THE SAME AS SAYING THAT WE ARE THE ONES ESTABLISHING THE PRICES.

THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PRICES FOR ITEMS AND INFORMATION.

IN BETA WE WERE, ACCIDENTALLY THOUGH, REFERRED TO AS TOP CLASS CRAFTERS, YOU KNOW.

ONLINE AUCTION!

ITEM COMPARISON

*LVP!

THAT'S RIGHT. MOREOVER, WHEN IT COMES TO THE HARD TO OBTAIN ITEMS, THE SO CALLED PREMIUMS, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IT CAN BECOME A HOTBED FOR "REAL MONEY TRADING".

WE DON'T WISH FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.

BBS

THEN OTHERS WOULD RESELL IT AT A HIGH PRICE OR IF I SELL IT EXPENSIVELY, THEN I WILL BE THE ONLY ONE TO ENJOY THE EXCESSIVE PROFITS.

I-IN OTHER WORDS, IF I DON'T SHARE MY WAY OF MAKING IT AND SELL THE ITEM CHEAPLY,

WE ARE ABLE TO DECIDE ON A REASONABLE PRICE FOR S MILARLY MADE ITEMS WELL, IF YOU THINK THAT IT'S AN ACT OF HYPOCRISY FOR US TO AIM TO MAINTAIN THE GAME'S BALANCE, THEN IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO LALGH AT US

THAT'S WHY, WITH KNOWING THE PRODUCTION METHOD R GHT AT THE START, WHEN THESE SORTS OF THINGS HAVE JUST EMERGED,

YEP THEREFORE IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO REJECT OUR PROPOSAL AND TO CONTINUE PLAY NG AS YOU WANT.

THEN, THIS CONVERSATION ISN'T REALLY ABOUT ME SELLING IT, 'S IT? IT'S ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE ELSE REACHES THIS POINT

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S SOMETH NG SPECIAL

. I UNDER-STAND I'LL TELL YOU

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W THOUT IT, THE ITEM BREAKS

AND SPEAKING OF WHY THE "CURSED" WAS ADDED,

IT BREAKS?

TRION RING WAS MADE WITH "ITEM ENCHANT".

THERE WERE NEW SKILLS IN "ENCHANT", "SKILL ENCHANT" AND "ITEM ENCHANT"

IT SEEMS THAT THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL EFFECTS THAT YOU CAN ADD VIA "ENCHANT" MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE DEPENDING ON THE TYPE AND RANK OF THE MATERIAL YOU USE...

IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES, THE ITEM WILL VANISH

WELL, I STILL HAVEN'T VERIFIED WHAT IT IS

AND WHAT IS THE "SKILL ENCHANT" FOR?

YUNOCHI'S REALLY EXAMINED IT!

RAW MATERIAL ITEMS CAN BE ENCHANTED, BUT FOOD STUFFS AND CONSUMABLE ITEMS CANNOT.

IS THAT WHY YOU'RE SAYING YOU UNDER-STAND ONLY HALF OF IT?

I SEE.

PROBABLY, I CAN ATTACH THE SKILLS I HAVE TO ITEMS, OR AT LEAST IT'S WHAT I THINK IT DOES ..

I DON'T HAVE ANY USEFUL SKILLS AND

APPARENTLY, THE SET OF SKILLS THAT CAN BE ATTACHED IS LIMITED AND

IS THAT SO?

YUN-KUN LEARNED A RIDICULOUS SKILL AGAIN! HAVING SKILLS ON ITEMS S QUITE USEFUL TOO!

YUNCCHI, TRY TO "ENCHANT" THIS WAND

BUT, WELL, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ADD SORCERY TO ITEMS, OR LIKE, WHETHER IT USES THE WEARER'S MP OR NOT, IT NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE PASSIVE ABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A SENSE CAN'T BE ADDED. IT DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS SOMETHING GREAT...

BEEP
BEEP
THEN, I'LL SET "ACTIVATE" AS THE KEYWORD
"SKILL ENCHANT" "ENCHANT" ATTACK
OKAY AH, T ASKS ME TO SET SOMETHING L KE A KEYWORD TO TRIGGER :T
BLT I DON'T HAVE ANY MAGIC SKILLS
"ENCHANT" S ALSO A MAGIC SENSE. "ENCHANT" SKILLS SHOULD BE FINE
THEN, I'M GOING TO TRY IT OUT! THE KEYWORD S "ACTIVATE", RIGHT?
YEP
WOODEN STAFF
ADDITIONAL EFFECTS:
ATK ENCHANT
ALRGHT, DONE!
ACTIVATE!
WELL THEN, HERE I GO!

LILY, YOUR MP. .

I SEE THE ITEM IS DESTROYED AS THE COST

IT'S A DISPOSABLE ITEM

IT CASTED "ENCHANT"!

OOH!

IT'S FRIGGIN' COOL!

IT'S GONNA BE IN HIGH DEMAND!

NEITHER THE SENSE, NOR MP IS NEEDED, BUT IT IS STILL A DISPOSABLE, HUH

IT DIDN'T DECREASE AT ALL!

LET'S INVES-T GATE A BT MORE.

UM, RIGHT

RIGHT NOW IT WAS A WAND BUT IF WE USE A TWIG AND ORDINARY RAW MATERIALS, THEY'D BECOME CHEAP MAG C ITEMS, RIGHT?!!

AND THEN, WE WERE ABLE TO "ENCHANT" RAW MATERIAL TEMS. TH S IS HUGE, SN'T IT?

"SK LL ENCHANT" GRANTS ONLY ONE SKILL
IT IS POSS BLE TO STACK IT WITH DIFFERENT FORMS OF "ITEM ENCHANT"

SETTING UP A KEYWORD IS NECESSARY RECIT NG THE KEYWORD IS NECESSARY TO INVOKE THE SKILL

AFTER SEVERAL TESTS WE LEARNED THAT

AH, THANK . .

YUN, HERE'S THE PAYMENT FOR TODAY'S INFOR-MATION

THEN, WHEN I START SELLING IT, I HOPE YOU'LL LET ME CONSULT WITH YOU

I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP

I TH NK THAT THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR SOME INVES-TIGATION I'LL NOTIFY YOU IF I LEARN SOMETH NG NEW

WELL FOR NOW, YUN HAS A MONOPOLY OVER T

I'M COUNT NG ON YOU

3M

DAM!

3,000,000 G

THIS FORTUNE, YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!

WAIT RIGHT THERE!

YUNCCH!, THIS SUM WILL QUICKLY VANISH AFTER BUYING YOUR OWN STORE AND EQUIPMENT.

IF YOU WORK ON SOMETHING, IT IS ONLY NATURAL FOR YOU TO BE COMPENSATED FOR IT

EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT

THEN, I'LL MAKE THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE HIP SECTION. LEAVE THE DESIGN TO ME'

A BOW? A SHORT BOW? A LONGBOW? WHAT SHALL I MAKE? ADD ATK AS THE BONUS?

OKI

THEN, WELL, CLAUDE AND LILY, MAKE SOME EQUIPMENT FOR ME FOR ONE MILLION...

THAT'S RIGHT. THE BOW IS LONGBOW AND ATK AS THE BONUS THE BONUS FOR CLAUDE S 'S DEX AND

FOR THE DESIGN *SKIRTS* ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED

HA?!

SAILOR UNIFORM! CHINA DRESS! ET CETERA! I WANT TO DRESS YOU UP IN ALL SORTS OF CLOTHES!

YOU'RE THE IDEAL MODEL THAT I'VE DISCOVERED!

SO SCARY

KU KU
OH WELL, IT'S FINE SOMEDAY, I'LL DRESS YOU UP FOR SURE

ABSO-LUTELY NOT

I'LL ENDURE FOR NOW, BUT AT LEAST WEAR A SKIRT!

WHEN YOUR EQUIPMENT WEARS OUT, YOU NEED TO HAVE MONEY ON YOU, YOU KNOW

AFTER THAT, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE 2M?

YO OU! JOU-CHAN!

YOU CAME AGAIN

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DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A LANDLORD AND SET UP A SHOP?

YOU HAVE SIX F ELDS NOW, DON'T YOU?

YEAH I'M HERE AGAIN.

OF COURSE!

A SHOP?! CAN IT!

THAT WILL BE 200,000!

..SO, FOUR ADJACENT PLOTS

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WELL,IF YOU BLY FOUR MORE FIELDS

AH! THAT AREA S LANDS ARE CONVEN ENT SO A PLOT OF LAND WOULD BE 200 000 G ALSO, SHOULD YOU BU LD A SHOP IF IT'S JUST A SINGLE PLOT OF LAND THEN THE SHOP W LL BE SMALL

THREE THEN

THEN A PLOT OF LAND ADJOINING THE MAIN ROAD AND THE F ELD

SAY THAT EARLI- ER!

BY THE WAY, THE FIELD YOU HAVE BOUGHT JUST NOW AND THE LAND FOR THE STORE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS

THAT'S THE LOWEST PRICE

THAT'S HIGHER THAN BEFORE!

THAT WOULD BE 800K

I GET IT. IT'S ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH .

THAT'S STILL ME DO NG A GREAT CONCESSION HERE

THE LAND CERT FICATE AND... PEN AND PAPER?

THEN, I'LL HAND TH S OVER.

THAT'S RIGHT WELL, GOOD LUCK

THE SECOND TOWN..

IT'S AN EVENT

DRAW THE PLAN OF THE HOUSE HERE AND SHOW IT TO THE MASTER CARPENTER N THE SECOND TOWN TO CALCULATE THE EST.MATE.

AND IF YOU PAY ME THAT SUM. THE SHOP W.LL BE BUILT

OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

WHAT IS IT?

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NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT?!

IT COSTS 100,000 G A MONTH

IN CASE YOU DON T WANT TO WORK IN THE FIELD WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE A FARM G RL? SHE'LL DO THE VARIOUS JOBS ON THE FIELD FOR YOU

I LL HIRE HER, FOR 3 MONTHS

WHAT W LL YOU DO?

ONII-CHAN INTENDS TO GO TO THE SECOND TOWN?!

"SHOP CONSTRUCTION"

WHAT, WHAT IS IT? WHAT QUEST?

IT'S FOR A QUEST. I NEED TO GET THERE NO MATTER WHAT

AT LONG LAST, YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR ADVENTURE! ♡

YEP, I WANT YOU TO HELP ME WITH THAT

AH! HEY! I'M EATING

HOW DID YOU COME ACROSS T?

?

I THOUGHT SO

I HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT

AND BECAME A LANDLORD

I BOUGHT PLOTS OF LAND

PRECISELY

DON'T TELL ME A FIELD?

DO YOU HAVE SEEDS?! WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?!

LAND FOR SALE YOU SAY..

MADE IT?!

KEEP IT A SECRET OK?

WHAT'S WITH THAT REACT ON?

FIND? I MA-MADE T

GAZE

I MADE IT BY US NG "ALCHEMY"'S LOW RANK MATTER CONVERSION ON MEDICAL HERBS

YUP, YUP. IT'S A SECRET!! SO HOW DID YOU MAKE IT?

WELL, SOON I'LL SWITCH TO HIGH POT ONS THOUGH

SHAKE

MAKING IT SO FAR AS TO THE BLUE POTIONS AND THE LIKE IS AMAZIIING!!

IT'S BETTER TO BUY THE POTIONS PRODUCED BY PLAYERS RATHER THAN FROM NPCS THE HANDMADE POTIONS HAVE A HIGHER EFFICACY!

SHAKE

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NOW I GROW MATERIALS FOR HIGH POTIONS AND MP POTIONS AND MAKE BLUE POTIONS.

IT'S AMAZIIIIIING ONII-CHAN!!!

WHAT IS?

OH .. ALRIGHT! WELL, THERE ARE PREPARATIONS I NEED TO DO, SO THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...

OKOK!

I'LL INVITE THE STRONGEST MEMBERS!

I-I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU

WE'LL MAKE ONII-CHAN'S TRIP SAFE AND RELAXING FOR SURE!

SAFETY AREA

WELL, TO NOT BE A BURDEN TO MYUU'S PARTY, I'LL PREPARE SOME RECOVERY ITEMS.

BEEP BEEP

MAYBE I'LL MAKE SOMETHING WITH "SKILL ENCHANT"?

THERE WERE SOME STONES

BLUE POTIONS

POTIONS

CAN IMPRESS THEM

IT HAS A HONEY TOUCH TO

AND APPARENTLY THEY ARE ALL GIRLS I WONDER IF THIS ASSORTMENT

PILLS

RECOVERY MEDICINE SET

BEEP

ENCHANTED RINGS LIKE TRON RING ARE STILL .. YEAH

IT WOULD BE NICE IF I CAN GIVE THEM SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES THESE BUT

"SKILL ENCHANT", "ENCHANT", ATTACK

SHINE

KEYWORD IS "ENCHANT".

FOR NOW I'LL TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING WITH THE STONES.

AND THE KEYWORD S "ENCHANT"! NICE!

I'LL CALL THIS AN ENCHANT STONE

OK IT ISN'T BREAK NG

SO IT MEANS THAT THE STONE HAS TURNED NTO SAND BY A SIMPLE CHATTER?

THAT SURPR SED ME

AH! HAS IT REACTED TO THE WORD I'VE SAID JUST NOW?

EEH!?

EH

IF I CAST IT ON ORDINARY STONES, AFTERWARDS I CAN'T TELL THEM APART FROM OTHER COMMON STONES

ALSO

IT TURNS TO SAND EVEN IF I HAVE NO INTENTION TO INVOKE THE SKILL THIS NEEDS AN INVESTIGATION

I NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

DYED IT WITH THE COLORING SKILL OF THE "CRAFTSMANSHIP"!

I ROUNDED IT WITH "POLISHING" AND

IT'S DONE!

TADAH!

THERE'S AN ITEM LIKE THIS IN GAMES, RIGHT?

YEAH. NOW IT LOOKS KINDA LIKE AN ITEM.

HMM.

MENTAL IMAGE

IF I IMBLE THE STONES WITH OFFENSE MAGIC, IT WOULD BE COOL! I VE SEEN ITEMS LIKE THIS BEFORE

TAKE EARTH MAGIC

ITS STARTING SPELL S "BOMB"

SENSES LIST.

THEN, I'LL REMOVE "BOW" FROM MY CURRENT SENSES FOR NOW

"BOMB"

I'LL TRY TO SHOOT T TO TEST IT OUT

KABOOM

"SKILL ENCHANT" BOMB!

AS AN EXPERI-MENT

WELL, THE FIREPOWER IS LOW, BUT LET'S TRY TO ENCHANT THE STONE

CRACK

WOAH!

THEN, AN IRON INGOT...

HUH? IT'S NOT THE SAME AS "ENCHANT". IS IT IMPOSS BLE TO APPLY TO THE STONES?

"SKILL ENCHANT" BOMB!

PERIDOT

DOKI

DOKI

SOMETHING LIKE GEMSTONES?...

"SKILL ENCHANT" BOMB!

EEEH!!? IS IT IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR IRON? THEN, WHAT COULD WORK...

STONES DON'T WORK, GEMSTONES WORK.

FOR ELEMENTAL MAGIC, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE IF IT ISN'T A FAIRLY HIGH RANK MATERIAL, HUH...

I SEE.

...IT DIDN'T BREAK.

LIKE THIS

IF THIS IS THE CASE FOR A MINOR MAGIC, THEN, PERHAPS IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE HIGH TIER MAGIC, ISN'T IT?

THAT MAY BE THE REASON WHY OFFENSE MAGIC CAN BE GRANTED ONLY ON TOP RANK MATERIALS.

HMM

TAKING THE GAME BALANCE INTO CONSIDERATION, IT WOULD BE A CHEAT TO EASILY CAST POWERFUL MAGIC WITHOUT SPENDING THE MP AND THE TIME TO CHANT THE SPELL.

MY MP IS NOT USED LIKE THAT WITH THE "ENCHANT" MAGIC. IS IT BECAUSE THE "ENCHANT" MAGIC IS OF A LOWER RANK THAN THE "ENCHANT ARTS"?...

CASTING IT AS USUAL, EVEN 10% WOULDN'T BE USED YET...

AND MY MP GAUGE, BY GRANTING ONLY THE WEAKEST SPELL, 30% WAS USED.

AND THEN LEVELING UP MY OWN MAGIC IS IMPORTANT AS WELL...

THE MATERIAL AND THE AMOUNT OF MP I HAVE,

NGH

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY, I'LL DO THE REST TOMORROW.

I'LL PREPARE MORE OF THEM AS MY TRUMP CARD, KINDA.

WELL, FOR NOW, I'LL CALL THIS ITEM "MAGIC GEM".

POP

I SHOULD DISCUSS WITH THEM THE VARIOUS THINGS I'VE LEARNED TODAY...

FROM MAGI
YAHOO, YUN-KUN!
THE TWO SAY THEY COMPLETED THEIR TASKS. ^__^

MAGI-SAN HAS CONTACTED ME TO TELL THAT THE ARMOR AND THE BOW ARE COMPLETE.

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